The Greatest Injustice

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Baba and Mansoor sit on the porch, watching the evening sky turn golden.

Mansoor: Baba, today in Madrasah, our teacher told us that doing injustice is wrong. But what if someone doesn't mean to be unjust?

Baba: That's a very good question, my dear. Do you know what the greatest injustice is?

Mansoor: Hurting someone? Taking their things?

Baba: Those are bad, but the greatest injustice is joining others with Allah in worship. Allah says in the Quran: "Indeed, associating others with Allah is a great injustice." (31:13)

Mansoor: But how is that an injustice, Baba?

Baba: Let me give you an example. Imagine you worked very hard on a drawing for your teacher. You used your best colors, made sure every detail was perfect, and then finally, you gave it to her. But instead of thanking you, she gave all the praise to someone else who didn't even help. How would you feel?

Mansoor: I would feel very sad! That wouldn't be fair at all.

Baba: Exactly! Now think about this: Allah created us, gave us food, water, our family, everything we have. If we thank or pray to someone else instead of Him, isn't that the greatest unfairness?

Mansoor: Oh! That means all our thanks and prayers should only be for Allah.

Baba: Yes, my son. The companions of the Prophet ﷺ once worried that they might have done small injustices, but Allah reminded them that the worst injustice is to worship anyone besides Him. Believing in Allah without any confusion is the strongest faith.

Mansoor: I understand now, Baba. I will always remember that Allah alone deserves my worship and gratitude.

Baba: MashaAllah! That is the best way to protect your Iman. Now, shall we make dua together?

Mansoor: Yes, Baba! Let's ask Allah to keep our hearts pure and faithful.